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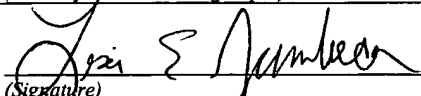
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to consideration of the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith on January 18, 2005, the amendments contained in the Response filed on April 23, 2004 having now been entered, please consider the following remarks and amendments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page two of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page five of this paper.

| CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8 | |
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| I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail on this date, January 18, 2005 , in an envelope addressed to: MAIL STOP RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. | |
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